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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YOICHI NEMUGAKI ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
(Based on PCT/JP00/03967)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: AIR-COOLING/TEMPERING :
DEVICE AND AIR-COOLING/
TEMPERING METHOD FOR A
GLASS PLATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 5, line 2, delete "2, 3 or 4,".

Please add new claims 11-13 as follows:

11. The air-cooling/tempering device for a glass plate according to Claim 2,
wherein at an upstream side of the air-cooling/tempering device, there is located a glass plate
bend-shaping apparatus for bend-shaping a glass plate to have a predetermined curvature,
which comprises a heating furnace for heating the glass plate to a bend-shaping temperature,
a roller conveyor provided at a downstream side of the heating furnace and having a plurality
of shaping rollers for forming a transferring plane for transferring the glass plate, vertically